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Dear Bud:

Dr. Land plans to hold the first meeting of his reconnaissance panel on July 21 beginning at 9:00 am in Room 303 of the Executive Office Building. Its purpose is to review the general requirements, the operational programs and new plans and concepts for overflight reconnaissance. Dr. McMillan has been requested to discuss the national reconnaissance programs and plans along the lines of the attached agenda and we will appreciate your assistance by providing discussions on those topics of particular interest to you as indicated on the agenda. The Panel would like to hear from contractors in the briefings as much as practicable, and in particular, it wishes to have contractor presentations for that portion of the agenda dealing with high resolution search concepts. I would appreciate your instructing [] accordingly.

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Dr. Land plans to conduct agenda items 1 and 4 as round table discussions. He has asked Richard M. Bissell to make some introductory remarks on general requirements and has invited the Director of Central Intelligence to give his views on these items.

Please let me know if I can be of assistance to you in preparation for this meeting.

Sincerely,

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AGENDA

1. Intelligence requirements as they relate to overflight reconnaissance.
A general discussion of requirements as expressed by USIB and as translated into specific objectives for the National Reconnaissance Program, particularly with regard to resolution and coverage, quick response, low vulnerability and to our capabilities for supporting crises management and active war situations.

Panel Chairman

1 hour

2. The National Reconnaissance Program. An outline review of all NRO programs and R/D plans to include photographic, Elint and mapping activities. A brief summary of the mode of operation, capability, and costs of operational systems and a discussion of the capability of present and planned projects to meet intelligence requirements. A discussion of NRO organization for operations and research and development.

Director, NRO

1 hour

3. New concepts of particular panel interest. System description and capability, funding requirements, interaction with present operational programs.

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4. A general discussion of outstanding technical problems, program deficiencies, unsatisfied intelligence requirements.

Panel Chairman

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